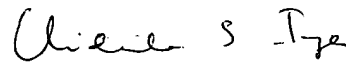


**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 1-14, 23-36 and 54 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 15-22, 37-41 and 50-53 are all the claims presently pending in this application.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

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